



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the final term of the year, and what a year it has been so far. I hope that you and your families have made the most of the wonderful sunny weather we had over the half term break. It has been great to welcome all pupils back this week looking healthy, rested, and smiling!

I am very pleased to announce that we have three new interactive whiteboards installed during the half term holiday in classes 3, 4 and Reception. The children are thrilled with their new high-tech boards which is providing them with high quality teaching and learning experiences. A huge thank you goes to our hard-working PTFA who have contributed a substantial amount towards the purchase of these boards.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Nicholls

Notices:

Parents evenings: Monday 5th July to Thursday 8th July: book your appointment through eschools from 1st June to 2nd July. Please call the office if you have any issues accessing eschools.

Reports: Annual reports to be sent home on Friday, 2nd July.

Leavers Disco: The Leaver's Disco will go ahead on **Friday 2nd July**, with special arrangements being made for our Year 6 children to celebrate their time at Stuart Road. More details to follow nearer the time.

PTA: Keep an eye out on Facebook for PTA events – do come along to the PTA meetings, all welcome!

Homework reminder: All Year Group homework is posted weekly with MS Teams. Please check your child's class page.

PTFA Zoom meeting - Thursday, 17th June at 6.30pm

All welcome!

Please come along to this term's PTFA meeting when we will be discussing future school events following Boris's latest announcement.

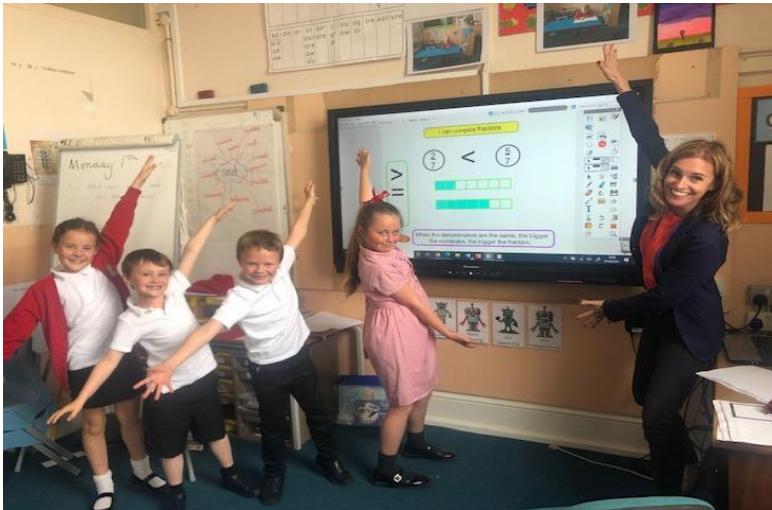
Look forward to seeing you then.

Charlotte Kelly - Chair

Thank you!

Thank you so much to the PTA for contributing to the cost of our 3 fantastic new white boards. All of your

hard work with fundraising has helped to enhance our children's learning journey. Thank you again from all of us at Stuart Road



Yay!

Year 6 School Hoodies

The eagerly awaited arrival of the Y6 Leaver's Hoodies is here!

In times of Covid it is lovely to be able to celebrate something positive with our Year 6 children. The Year 6 team would like to celebrate the handing out of the hoodies this year, making it a special occasion for our Y6 pupils. Hoodies will be distributed to pupils next week with photos taken to be posted on our social media platforms and to be added to the Leaver's Book too.



Water Bottles



Please make sure that you clean and disinfect your child's water bottle every day after use. Stagnant water in water bottles have a high rate of bacterial infection associated with them (E-coli and Scarlet Fever for example), it is therefore important that water bottles are not left with water in them for more than 24 hours and should be cleaned / disinfected before re-use. Your child's teacher will make sure that all water bottles are sent home daily.

Messages from Teachers

Foundation

We have started our new story for this term- Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children have started to listen to different versions of this story and making comparisons between them. They have taken to it so well in their own free play by using the large building blocks in the garden to build bridges and taking on the roles of the characters in the story... it appears we have some amazing trolls too!

Year 1

This week in year one we have been exploring a new book, 'The Colour Monster', and looking at our different emotions. We discussed these further seeing how they made us feel, what we could do about them, and if it was ok to feel this way. We also began to look at a diary entry sent to us from the colour monster with the view of creating our own in the future. This week we have also looked at the partitioning of numbers as well as tens and ones. We have worked incredibly hard on this and should be very proud. Finally, we explored solids and liquids trying to work out what these terms meant as well as providing examples.

Year 2

This week Year 2 have started a new topic : Mess, Muck and Mixtures. We have explored the difference between solids, gas and liquids and acted out how molecules behave in different states. Have a look on Teams to find the topic home learning for this term. I would love to see some work linked to our topic. In Maths we are learning how to divide by sharing and grouping. In English, we are going to write persuasive letters. We are looking forward to sharing these with you when they are completed. Well done year 2 for showing ownership of your learning.

Mrs Ioja

Year 3

This week we launched our new topic Road trip USA! In English this week we focused on the story of The Peacemaker. The children were able to explore some Native American texts and write their own diary entry for one of the characters. In maths we continued with fractions, this week we were adding and subtracting them. In PE we have finished our Olympic preparations and have started our new unit of cricket. With that, a quick reminder that PE kit needs to be worn on Fridays for PE, this isn't a multi-day, so jeans are not appropriate.

Year 4

Year 4 have started a new topic this week: Road Trip USA! We are incredibly excited about this and have been busy identifying famous places and people we already know by looking at pictures on our topic display.

In English, we have been studying Native American stories. We have looked at how the characters feel within these and have planned and written a diary entry using a section of the text. In Maths, we have been looking at position and direction. We took our learning outside and created a huge grid in the playground, then plot ourselves as co-ordinates!



Year 5

In year 5 we have started our new topic 'Off with her head', the children are finding Macbeth challenging but enjoyable. In PE we have started the new unit 'Tennis - Racquet and ball games' we had the best weather on Wednesday for our tennis. Maths is continuing with angles and the children are really challenging themselves. Mrs Baker

Year 6

This week during English we have been studying the short film Alma, we have been focusing on creating atmosphere and building tension. We have created some amazing pieces of descriptive writing. In Maths, we have been learning about decimals and answering a range of problems on these. All of the children have been working really hard.

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Absences: Please can parents telephone the school office on **each day** of their child's absence. This is a requirement and fulfils the school's duty of care for all our families.

As we are slowly emerging from a pandemic, we, as a school, are trying to make sure that all pupil absences are tracked with regards change in condition whether this be improvement as well as a decline in health. A quick daily call, at the parent's convenience, is all we require as a means of a wellbeing check, and this is something that can be arranged between the school office and the family. Similarly, if it is more convenient for the office to call at a specified time, then we are more than happy to arrange this.

For 'normal' illness such as sickness or a tummy bug, where a 48-hour absence rule applies, we would not, in this instance, considerate it necessary to make a call.

Reminders:

Parent and Carers dropping off and collecting children

- Whilst every effort has been made to minimise contact please may we remind parents to maintain the 2m social distancing regulation and wear masks when dropping off/picking up children. Thank you.

Information for parents

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **you should inform the school and organise for your child to be tested** via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

There is also an additional testing service for children in Plymouth schools: parents or carers can also book a test be emailing d-ccg.cornwalldevon.urgenttesting@nhs.net

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a recent onset of:

- New continuous cough/and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19. Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline opening hours

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Please listen carefully to the available options and select the most appropriate to your nursery, school, or college's current situation.

Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm.